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Spokane County dentist suspended for using drugs during patient care

OLYMPIA -- The Dental Commission suspended the license (DE00010962) and general anesthesia permit (GA10000467) of dentist Ryan C. Allen pending further action.

Charges say that on August 6, 2016, while performing a procedure on a patient who was sedated, Allen left the patient on several occasions to use the bathroom. Charges say clinic staff found Allen collapsed in the bathroom in a dazed state after having self-injected propofol.

Allen cannot practice in Washington until these charges are resolved. He has 20 days to respond to these charges and to ask for a hearing.

The documents can be seen online by clicking "[Look up a health care provider](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That's also the number to call to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

The Dental Quality Assurance Commission protects public health and safety and promotes the welfare of the state by regulating the competency and quality of health care providers under its authority.

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